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Important Dates

Netball Carnival,
Years 3-6

Monday 1 July 2024

Makers Empire Kids
in Space Excursion

Monday 1 July 2024

Community Prayer
RJC

Wednesday 3 July 2024

Last day of Term 2,
2024

Friday 5 July 2024

Final whole school
assembly Term 2

Friday 5 July 2024

Community Prayer
5/6SH

Wednesday 24 July 2024

Community Prayer
3/4OM

Wednesday 31 July 2024

SALA student
exhibition launch

Friday 2 August 2024

School photo day

Monday 5 August 2024

SACPSSA Cross
Country Carnival

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Community Prayer
RJC

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Nazareth transition

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Feast of St Mary
MacKillop

Thursday 8 August 2024

Science Week -
begins

Monday 12 August 2024

Community Prayer
2CE

Wednesday 14 August 2024

Science Week -
concludes

Friday 16 August 2024

Book Week special
lunch

Tuesday 20 August 2024

Book Week parade

Wednesday 21 August 2024

Community Prayer
1TM

Wednesday 21 August 2024

Year 3/4 camp

Thursday 22 August 2024

Year 3/4 camp

Friday 23 August 2024

Our Lady Queen of Peace School acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we work, the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains.
We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



Term 2 Week 9 2024 Newsletter

Useful Links

Useful links



Download any of the following documents by clicking on the link.

Policies

- [Uniform Policy 0624](#)

Playgroup & Occasional Care

- [Occasional Care flyer](#)
- [Playgroup flyer](#)

Parents & Friends Committee

- Email: PNF@olpq.catholic.edu.au

Second hand Uniform Shop

- Please note that the Parents and Friends Committee are no longer accepting uniforms for sale on consignment.

Enrolments

- [Application for Enrolment form](#)



Canteen

- [Canteen menu and price list April 2024](#)

Qkr!

- [Qkr! instructions](#)

Term calendars

- [Term 1, 2024 calendar](#)
- [Term 2, 2024 calendar](#) - Updated 05/24
- [Term 3, 2024 calendar](#) - Updated 05/24
- [Term 4, 2024 calendar](#) - Updated 05/24

From the Principal

From the Principal



I cannot explain the reason, but the older I get, the faster time seems to pass! It is hard to believe we are at the halfway mark of the school year. As a school community, we managed to squeeze an incredible amount into 20 school weeks. These weeks have been filled with rich learning opportunities provided by staff; staff that give their very all for the benefit of all students in our care.

Over the last few weeks, I have met with many prospective families looking at joining the OLQP community, as has been the case throughout the year so far. It is always a heartfelt moment when I hear that families have been recommended to the school or that they have heard wonderful things about the school. I thank you for sharing with others your satisfaction, celebrations, and appreciation of the school.



2025 and beyond

It might seem strange however many hours have already gone into planning for 2025 as well as the next decade. As mentioned in the first edition of this term's newsletter, we have been planning for the predicted growth of the school, as well as how we can continue to provide excellent teaching and learning balanced with having a caring, safe, and loving environment. This planning has included:

1. Our physical space
2. Staffing
3. Future building work
4. Class structures
5. Class locations
6. Minimal disruption to student learning

I hope to be able to unpack more information with families as soon as possible. You may not be aware that in:

- 2022 we were an 8 class school,
- 2023 we were a 9 class school,
- 2024 we are a 10 class school,
- 2025 we will be an 11-12 class school.

Despite this growth, the transition has processed smoothly. I am mindful that schools can grow quickly. A trap of rapid growth can be that schools do not plan wisely, and the hard work previously put in place can quickly come undone. As we grow, we have increased our

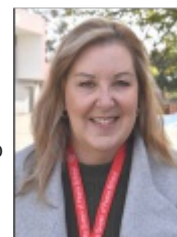
structures to ensure this does not occur at OLQP.

As always, please feel welcome to contact me in the event you have any questions or concerns.

Staffing

I recently distributed a letter via SeeSaw about some staffing changes. Though it was only shared recently, the planning was initiated and put in place weeks in advance, and ensures any disruption to learning is minimised. This planning included having familiar staff look after students whilst teachers are on leave.

We welcomed Julie Binnington to our school community. Julie is an experienced Education Support Officer (ESO) who has quickly settled in our school community.



Students

We farewelled a small number of families this term, all of whom moved out of the area, and we welcomed several new students and their families to our community. In Term 3, we will welcome our Mid Year Reception class to the school, as well as four new students in different year levels.

It would appear that we have become expert welcomers. Students that join our community part way through the year all report feeling welcomed and, hence, have settled in quickly.

Thank you

I hope I have made you aware of how thankful I am for the partnerships we have between the school, families, and the wider community. It is together we continue to make our school an amazing place. I talk to students about being amazing. I believe we have amazing students, amazing staff, and amazing families. This doesn't mean that we are always perfect but it does mean that if we aim for amazing, we create opportunities for everyone to achieve this. I constantly aspire to being an amazing principal.

What I love about the word amazing is that it is endless. When we reach a level of being amazing, we celebrate it, and then set our sights on a new level of amazing!

Reports

Your child's report will be available for collection from the office from late Monday afternoon, 1 July 2024. We do not send reports home with students. In the event you are unable to collect your child's report by the end of the term (Friday 5 July 2024), it will be posted during the first week of the holidays.

Well done to the members of our school band who competed at the "Battle of the Rock Bands" recently. Thank you to Andrew Heuzenroeder for his amazing effort in preparing the students for this event.

The last day of Term 2 is Friday 5 July with a 1.30pm dismissal. For students who cannot be collected at this time, please contact Jo Fahey about securing a place in OSHC.

Term 3 begins on Monday 22 July. Have a safe and happy term break!



Lee Abela
Principal

Keeping Children Safe - Child Protection Curriculum

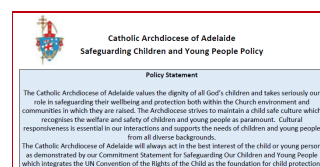
Child protection

Each year, as a school, we teach students about *Child Protection*. This is done through the **Keeping Safe Curriculum**. Please feel welcome to contact the school if you have any questions regarding this.

www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/curriculum-and-learning/early-years/keeping-safe-child-protection-curriculum-information-parents-and-carers

In addition to this, our school also follows the "**Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy**".

Click [HERE](#) or on the document image to access this information.



From the APRIM



Sacrament of Confirmation

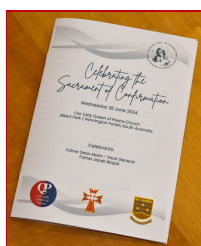
On Wednesday night and as a parish, we celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation, the next step after Baptism. It establishes young adults as full members of faith. This sacrament is called Confirmation because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. During Baptism, parents and godparents make promises to believe in God and the Church on a child's behalf. At Confirmation, the candidates renew those same promises, this time speaking for themselves.



During Confirmation, the focus is on the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles at Pentecost and gave them courage to practise their faith. Catholics believe that the same Holy Spirit confirms during the sacrament of Confirmation and gives them the same gifts.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

- wisdom,
- understanding,
- right judgment,
- courage,
- knowledge,
- reverence, and
- awe.



Our ceremony was led by the Vicar General, Fr Dean Marin, and our parish priest, Fr Jacek Wojcik. It was a wonderful evening, celebrated with the support of our wonderful families, sponsors, and school staff at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

Congratulations to Maya, Alex, Douglas, and Jayda on completing their Sacrament of Confirmation.

Marissa Redden
Assistant Principal
Religious Identity & Mission

Sacrament of Confirmation gallery



From the Assistant Principal Learning, Engagement & Teaching



Enhancing student learning: Our staff's commitment to professional growth in Numeracy Progressions

At Our Lady Queen of Peace School, we are dedicated to continuously improving our teaching practices to better serve our students. On Tuesday 11 June, our staff engaged in professional learning focused on Numeracy Progressions within the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) framework.



Understanding numeracy progressions

The Numeracy Progressions are designed to outline the typical sequence of learning that students follow as they develop their mathematical skills. They provide a clear roadmap for teachers to understand where each student is in their learning journey and identify the next steps needed to advance their skills. By aligning our teaching strategies with these progressions, we can ensure that our students receive tailored instruction that meets their individual needs.

Professional learning sessions

Supported by Rosa Angelina, our experienced Systems Coach from Catholic Education South Australia, the sessions provided valuable insights into:



- **Mapping student progress:** Understanding how to track student progress along the numeracy continuum and use this information to guide instruction.
- **Designing assessments:** Creating assessment pieces that are aligned with the numeracy progressions, allowing us to accurately gauge student understanding and identify areas for improvement.
- **Differentiating instruction:** Developing strategies to differentiate instruction based on students' current levels of understanding, ensuring that all students are challenged and supported appropriately.
- **Informing teaching practices:** Using data from assessments to inform and adjust teaching practices, ensuring that our instructional methods are effective and responsive to student needs.

A commitment to continuous improvement

At Our Lady Queen of Peace School, we believe that professional development is key to maintaining a high standard of education. Our participation in these professional learning sessions is just one example of our ongoing efforts to stay at the forefront of educational best practices. We are proud of our staff's dedication to their professional growth and their unwavering commitment to enhancing student learning. Thank you for your support as we strive to create a learning environment that nurtures and inspires every student.



Announcing: Book Week 2024!

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Book Week 2024 in Term 3, an event eagerly anticipated by our entire school community. This year, the theme is "*Reading is Magic*", capturing the enchanting and transformative power of books.

Dates to Remember

- Book Week 2024 will be celebrated **17-23 August 2024**.

With our 2024 Children's Book Week theme, "*Reading is Magic*", we are celebrating reading stories and their amazing power to transport minds. The magic of reading lies in its power of enticement; a good story provokes conversations. Talking about the stories with others connects the reader with other readers. Wrapped around all of this are the "tricks" and skills of our amazing writers and illustrators, as they use all their powers of language and illustration to engage the reader in the worlds they are building.



Throughout the week, we have planned a variety of exciting activities, including:

- book readings,
- character dress up days,
- a special book themed lunch order day, and
- creative workshops, all designed to inspire a love of reading and storytelling in our students.

Stay tuned for more details on specific events and how your child can participate. Let's make Book Week 2024 a magical experience for everyone!

Adriana Pilla

Assistant Principal

Learning, Engagement and Teaching

Professional Learning gallery



Early dismissal information ...

Early dismissal - Last day of Term 2



Friday 5 July 2024 is the last day of Term 2.

Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm, after the whole school assembly.

Please contact Jo Fahey - 0417 840 700 - as soon as possible if you require OSHC services on this day.

Sporting achievements

PE / Sport



Team achievement

The inaugural Catholic Schools Basketball Carnival was held on Friday 14 June 2024 at the State Basketball Centre, Wayville.

With 14 students representing our school across two teams, the event was a showcase of sportsmanship and skill.

Our boys' team displayed great talent and teamwork, securing 8th place overall. The girls' team also put up a very strong performance, finishing in 4th place overall.



A heartfelt "Thank you!" goes out to Shane D and Sarah W for their coaching of our teams. Additionally, we extend our gratitude to Anne A and Georgina A for their assistance with scoring duties throughout the day.

Individual achievement

Congratulations are extended to Maya D who competed in the recent SAPSASA Netball Carnival, representing Port Districts.

Maya's Year 5/6 team were runners up in Division 2 - an outstanding result!

Matthew Annetta

PE teacher / Sports Coordinator



Inaugural Catholic Schools Basketball Carnival gallery



Class update - RJC

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In RJC, we are developing our reading, writing, and spelling skills during literacy rotations! We have lots of fun engaging in different hands-on activities to help us practice.

As part of the literacy rotations, students engage in guided reading with the teacher where we build our decoding, fluency, and comprehension skills through a shared storybook.

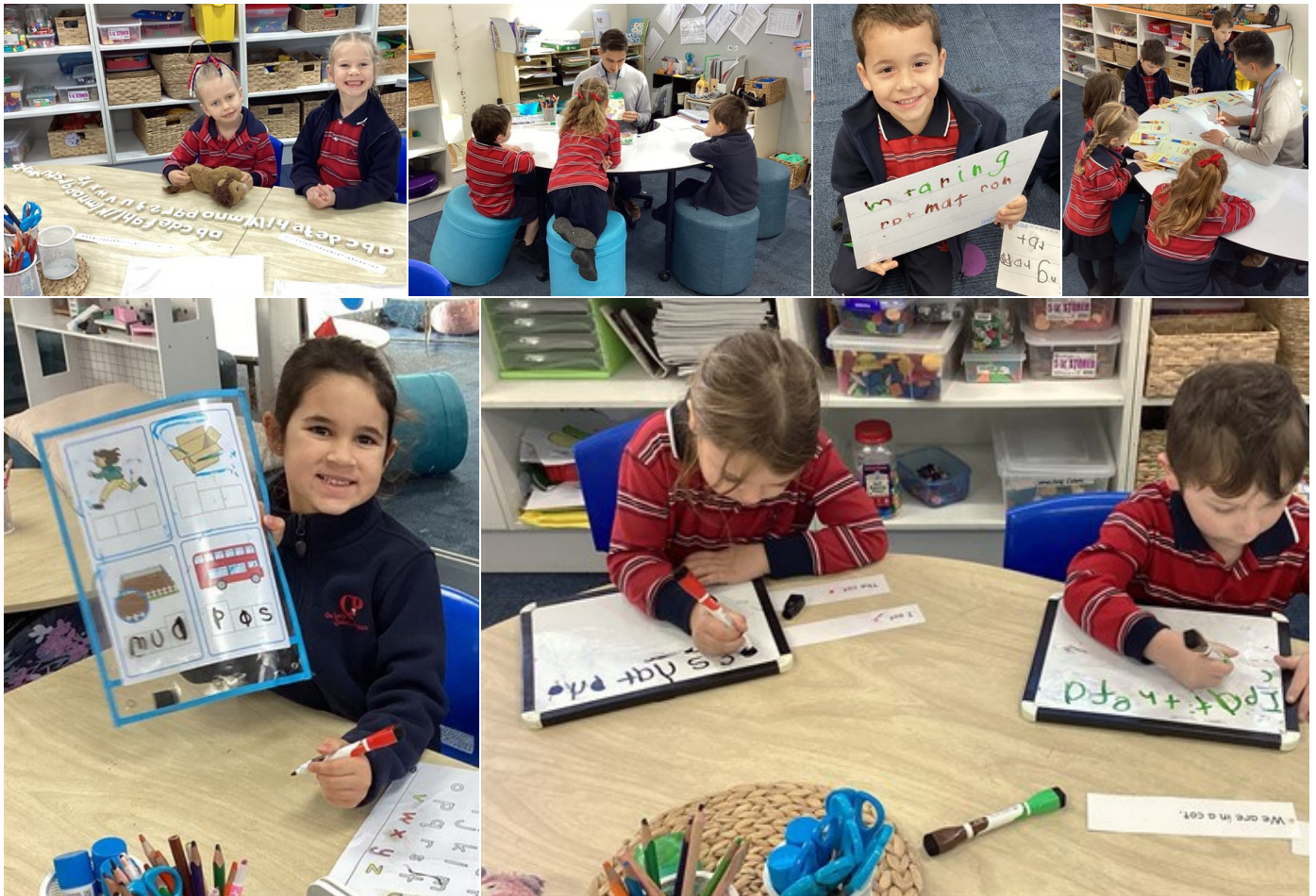
We have been practising sentence writing on the whiteboards, spelling words using the write and wipe sleeves, and developing our letter sound knowledge using hands on letters.

By engaging in different multisensory activities, our students are given more opportunities to connect with what they are learning and to further solidify their literacy skills.

James Cummings
Reception teacher



Class update - RJC gallery



Class update - 5/6LT

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Undoubtedly for many, the highlight of the term would have to be the Year 5/6 camp.

The three days were filled with fun, food, and adventure. We were so impressed with how the students accepted the challenges, and showed real bravery and a positive mindset. For me what was most pleasing was their support for one another; there were numerous times that their genuine encouragement of each other assisted in students pushing themselves to try things they would not have otherwise done.



Here are some thoughts regarding the camp from students ...

- "The extraordinary giant swing pushed me out of my comfort zone. Can you imagine being harnessed and then pulled up 12 and a half metres high? Then before you know it, you are flying through the air. I was so scared that I was gripping on to my harness for dear life, fearing that I would crash to the ground."

Sophie

- "Did you know milk crates aren't just for milk? They can also be used for climbing with a harness. Time is ticking away, the pressure is on to build the tallest tower and climb up on it. "Oh no, it's going to fall. Arghhhhhhhhh!" I yelled. "Disaster" yelled the

instructor. Everyone laughed, yelled, and ran away."

Zahlia

- "Mr Abela's cooking was at Master Chef standard; the cheesy lasagna, the soft wraps, and the juicy watermelon made our mouths water. We definitely weren't hungry at camp and the food gave us energy to power through the activities with ease."

George

- "Camp was so extraordinary. It was such an exciting feeling to do the activities that made our adrenaline rush, like the leap of faith, the giant swing and the high ropes. The leap of faith is climbing up a 10 metre pole and balancing at the top, which is the size of a dinner plate. You then needed to take a leap of faith towards the trapeze and if you miss, you fall; luckily you are in a harness. You can also do it in a blind fold."

Lachlan

Leigh Turbill

Year 5/6 teacher

Class update - 5/6LT gallery





In Music this term, we were very busy preparing for a number of musical events.

On Wednesday 19 June 2024, a selection of school band members had the opportunity to rock out and perform at the *Battle of the Rock Bands*, held at Nazareth Catholic Community (primary campus). Students performed on stage without the assistance of a teacher, and our band certainly held their own, playing a rendition of "7 Nation Army" by The White Stripes! Congratulations to everyone involved!



The Festival choir travelled to St Thomas School, Goodwood, on Friday 21 June 2024 for their Hub Assessment. This is an important milestone in the preparation of the choir for the Catholic Schools Music Festival, as they were required to sing every song in the book, with some from memory and with choreography.



Our choir was well praised in front of the other choirs when it was revealed that we were the only school to memorise one of the trickiest songs in the book! Well done to the choir on their journey towards the festival at the end of Term 3.

Students also prepared for our first ever "Ensembles Concert", which was held on Thursday 27 June 2024. Students were busy preparing songs to play for this concert as a chance to show off their skills in learning music as a part of a team. The groups that performed included:



- both Year 2 class ocarina ensembles;
- both Year 3/4 class recorder ensembles;
- the ukulele club;
- the "Come and Try" band;
- the school band, and
- the Festival choir!

We look forward to another very successful term of music making at OLQP!

Andrew Heuzenroeder

Music teacher

Specialist update - Music gallery





Early Learning @ OLQP!

Playgroup & Occasional Care



Come and join the fun!

- Occasional Care is on Tuesdays 9am-12noon for children 3-5 years.
- Playgroup is on Wednesdays 9am-10.30am for children 0-5 years.

For more information, please access the flyers regarding Playgroup and Occasional Care from the **Useful Links** section at the beginning of this newsletter.



More questions?

Contact - Andi Benzija

- **Phone:** 8279 8800
- **Email:** Andi.Benzija@olqp.catholic.edu.au

Second hand uniform shop

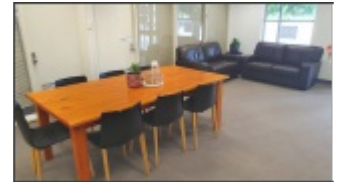
Second hand uniform shop



New opening times:

Fridays

- 8.40am – 9am
- 2.45pm – 3.10pm



The second hand uniform shop service, facilitated by a dedicated group of parents, supports the community to access quality and affordable second-hand uniforms for their children.

Families are welcome to donate any current school uniform items to the shop. Any donations are gratefully appreciated however only uniforms in good condition are sought for donation.

Proceeds raised from the sale of these donations go towards student-centred projects and activities at our school.

Location:

Located in the P & F Room (near the girls' toilets, adjacent the basketball courts).

Call 8279 8800 if you require more information, or alternatively, you can email the P & F Committee using this email: PNF@olqp.catholic.edu.au.



P & F Committee

Before & After School Care

Before & after school care



New families and permanent bookings:

All new family bookings and permanent bookings need to be made through the OSHC office.

Please contact Jo on **0417 840 700**, or pop into either the OSHC office or front office for an information pack.

Jo Fahey
OSHC Director



Community News

Community news



A chance to support Childhood Cancer Charities

At Clean Burn Candles, we are passionately dedicated to supporting Childhood Cancer Charities. We have walked this challenging path ourselves and emerged on the other side. Every day, we count our lucky stars as we are among the fortunate ones.

Over the past few months, we have been meticulously planning a special event, and we are thrilled to share the details with you. We now have tickets and a venue ready for you!

In person fundraiser at The Big Shed

Saturday 13 July 2024

Ticket prices include a meal, drink, donut dessert by Wildflour Creations, and donation (see poster for more details).

- Adults - \$40
- Kids - \$20

Click [HERE](#) or on the flyer image to access more details.

Raffle tickets available for purchase:

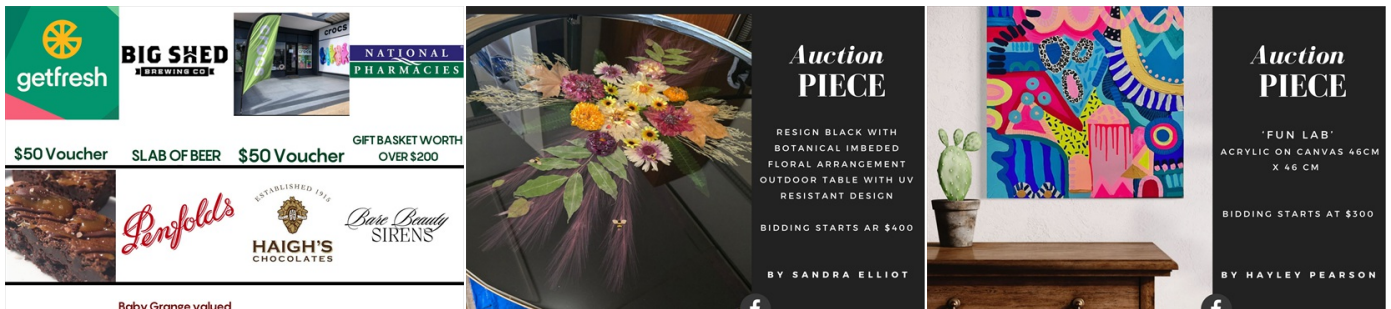
- 3 tickets for \$5
- 7 tickets for \$10
- 5 tickets for \$5 - Kids' raffle

Auction and raffle prizes appear in the gallery that follows this article.

You can also make a donation to help us reach our target:

Click [HERE](#) to make a donation in support of the Childhood Cancer Association.

Childhood Cancer Charities event prizes



PlayStart Soccer

PlayStart Soccer is a fun-based soccer program consisting of social and skill development amongst kids starting their journey in sport and fitness. For children aged 2-10, PlayStart Soccer is held across various locations in Adelaide.

Our Term 3 program commences the weekend of Week 1 in Term 3 (27 & 28 July 2024).

We are a long term and trusted provider of soccer programs around Adelaide now, and being part of the **SA Government Sports Voucher** program also assists families getting their children active.

Please click [HERE](#) or on the flyer image to access more information.

Regards

Andrew



PlayStart Soccer

Phone: 0401 410 465

Web: www.playstart.com.au

Net Set Go!

Do you have a 5-10 year old who is keen to play netball?

Make friends, have fun, play netball!

- **Date:** 23 July - 10 September 2024
- **Time:** 5.30pm - 6.30pm Tuesdays
- **Location:** Netball SA - Court 8
- **Cost:** \$150

Includes a redeemable NetSetGo pack of a t-shirt and a netball.

Sports voucher rebate available.

Register at the following link BEFORE 15 July 2024.

www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/ad6f2a



DO YOU HAVE A 5-10 YEAR OLD WHO'S KEEN TO PLAY NETBALL?

woodenhearts go net set go

MAKE FRIENDS. HAVE FUN. PLAY NETBALL!!

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